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CAMBODIA B-9

- 1. FOLLOWING REPRESENTS OUR BEST INFORMATION (THIS IS ALL SOURCE INFORMATION AND MUST THEREFORE BE PROTECTED) ON EVENTS IN CAMBODIA SUBSEQUENT TO OUR DEPARTURE THE MORNING OF APRIL 12:
- 2. THE SITUATION IS VERY SERIOUS AT SVEY RIENG, WHERE LATE APRIL 12 THE ENEMY HAD PENETRATED INTO PART OF THE CITY. THE ENCLAVE MAY BE ON THE VERGE OF FALLING.
- 3. THE SAME IS TRUE AT KOMPONG SPEU, WHERE THE SITUATION IS DESCRIBED AS VERY BAD.
- 4. KOMPONG CHAM HAS CONTINUED TO RECEIVE INDIRECT FIRE INTO THE CITY, PERHAPS AT A SOMEWHAT INCREASED RATE, THOUGH THERE HAS BEEN NO KC TROOP PENETRATION. CONTRARY TO OPTIMISTIC REPORTS FROM FANK COMMANDERS THERE, THE TROOPS ARE DESCRIBED AS HAVING FORMED THE INTENTION TO SURRENDER TO THE KC IF THE LATTER MAKE A DETERMINED EFFORT TO ENTER THE CITY. IF NOT, THERE IS ENOUGH AMMUNITION FOR FANK TO HOLD OUT FOR ANOTHER WEEK OR TWO.
- 5. SIEM REAP IS DESCRIBED AS CALM, ALTHOUGH ROUTE 6 REMAINS CUT. THE ROAD FORM BATTAMBANG TO PAILIN REMAINS SECRET

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OPEN BUT SUBJECT TO HARASSMENT BY SMALL ARMS FIRE.

KOMPONG SOM IS TOTALLY CALM AND QUIET.

- 6. REPORTS FROM THE FANK 7TH DIVISION FRONT ON THE NORTH-WEST OF THE PHNOM PENH PERIMETER DESCRIBE TROOP MORALE AS GETTING LOWER AND LOWER. NEVERTHELESS, THERE IS NO CURRENT AMMUNITION SHORTAGE AND BG KHY HAK IS REPORTEDLY DETERMINED TO FIGHT TO THE END.
- 7. AFTER THE EVACUATION OF THE AMERICAN MISSION, FANK MOVED IN QUICKLY TO IMPOUND AND APPROPRIATE ALL AMERICAN VEHICLES AND ANY OTHER MOVEABLE ASSETS. THEY HAVE PROBABLY ALSO OCCUPIED THE CHANCERY COMPOUND. AN ORDER HAS GONE OUT TO FANK UNITS UP-COUNTRY TO APPROPRIATE AMERICAN ASSETS LEFT BEHIND IN A SIMILAR FASHION. THIS INCLUDES A NUMBER OF VEHICLES LEFT BEHIND AT SAMRONG, IN ODDAR MEANCHEY PROVINCE.

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